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March 11th, 1918.

Dr. Frank Mason North,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Dr. North:

I was working on the University of Nanking books and last Report Saturday, and I noticed that the land debit balance is \$6549.59 Mexicans, which, at the present rate of about 74, would be \$4846.70. I therefore did not report to you in my letter of last Friday a large enough sum for the amount which they are owing for land purchases which they have made.

I spoke to you also of the \$1500. still owing the Foreign Christian Missionary Society on the Kuleo property. They really should receive interest on this as well, for they have been very patient, and have now waited a number of years for the \$27,000., which the Boards were to pay them for this property.

I wrote hurriedly before leaving the office last Friday night, as I was not to be in the office Saturday, and did not have, at the time of writing, time to look up the amount for expenditure of land on the field. Will you be kind enough, therefore, to modify the amount given in my former letter to \$4846.70 for land, and add the item of \$1500, plus possible interest, which is still due the Foreign Christian Missionary Society on the former Kuleo property.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

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CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS    PHONE. 2130 CHELSEA

March twelfth  
- 1918 -

Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you very much for your favor of the  
8th.

Before making any definite decision on the  
matter of which I spoke to you, may I ask whether  
the \$2500 put in by the Foreign Baptist Board was in-  
vestment in property, and what is the probable cost  
of the plot required to complete the land purchase?

I thank you for remembering my inquiry.

Yours cordially,

*L. M. North*

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March 14th, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:-

In reply to your inquiry of March 12th, may I say that the \$2,500.00 given to Hanking University by the Baptist Board South was the original gift of that Board representing its quota upon entering the Union and the money was put into the Kuleo property. It, therefore, is a property item, as you infer..

My second letter has answered your further inquiry as to the amount which upon the field they have expended for land over and above funds available.

Very sincerely yours,

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March  
Fourteenth  
1918.

Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

I desire to thank you for  
your favor of the 11th, giving me the further  
information concerning expenditures for land  
in connection with the University of Nanking.

Cordially yours,

*J. M. North*

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March  
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Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

This will acknowledge the receipt of  
your favor of the 14th with its information concern-  
ing the \$2500 given to Nanking University by the  
Baptist Board South. I am greatly obliged to you  
for this additional item.

Yours very truly,

*S. M. North*

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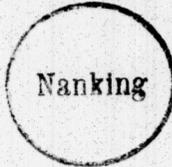
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Mr. Russell Carter,  
Treasurer Nanking University Trustees,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

**TRANSFER**

Referring to our recent correspondence in the matter of the capital investment for Nanking University, permit me to advise you that the Methodist Board is now in a position to provide an amount up to \$10,000 for that purpose. It would be, of course, a satisfaction to put this amount into some specific, permanent improvement. On the other hand, it would seem to me good policy to clear as far as possible obligations already incurred, - among them of course would be the \$4000. remaining of the original \$10,000 advanced by the Presbyterian Mission. The other items suggested by you, including the provision for the amount withdrawn by the Southern Methodist Board and certain obligations carried on the field, might be considered if the amount of \$10,000 would clear these obligations. I should definitely propose that this use of the money be made, with the expectation that the donors of buildings which are now incomplete because of the increase of cost or the depreciation of currency would see their way clear to adding to their gifts so as to make a complete financial adjustment in the very near future.

With the facts in mind as herein stated will you kindly confer with Dr. Speer and arrange as may be deemed best by yourselves or the Finance Committee in the use of this asset? I shall be glad to know your decision.

The amount of \$10,000, or less, if that be not at this time required, is available at any time.

Cordially yours,

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April 12th, 1918.

Rev. F. M. North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I have shown Mr. Speer your good letter of March 13th in which you report that the Methodist Board "is now in a position to provide an amount up to \$10,000 for capital investment for Nanking University." Mr. Speer and I are wondering whether, in view of the coming meeting of the Board of Trustees, you would not be willing to instruct your Treasurer to pay over the \$10,000, its exact distribution to be decided by the Trustees at their next meeting.

You kindly state that you feel that it would be good policy to clear as far as possible obligations already incurred, and refer to the \$4,000 still due our Board. The \$1500.00 due the Foreign Christian Missionary Society on the Kuleo property has been due this Society even longer than the \$4,000 has been due our Board, and I think you will agree that this item should be cleared off with any funds available. If, in addition, we care for the \$2500. which the Southern Baptist originally put into this Kuleo property, and which has now had to be refunded to them, you will see that we have immediate obligations of \$8,000. For our own part, we should be most happy to have this \$4,000 due from the University of Nanking cleared from our Board's books before the auditors go over our books this month, and as I have advised you the Foreign Christian Missionary Society has written two or three times as to whether they could not have the balance due them, so that if it is agreeable to you to make available at once this \$5500. or the entire \$8000. it would be very agreeable to us.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 19, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. North:

I have received to-day from the Rev. J. Claude Thomson, of Nanking, China, the enclosed letter referring to his expenditures for outfit. We had very clearly in mind, in dealing with Mr. Thomson, your letter of August 6, 1917, in which you advised us that inasmuch as your Board made provision on the field for residence and heavy furniture, the limit of your allowance for a married missionary was \$200. We were very careful to make this clear to Mr. Thomson and to advise him that he must take up with your Board the question of additional outfit allowance. I think that he has intended to write to you through me, and I am therefore referring the letter to you, and will you, in acknowledging it to ~~Mr~~ Thomson, kindly advise him that I have referred his letter to you.

Yours very sincerely,

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Treasurer.

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*F. M. North*

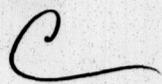
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April  
Twenty-fifth  
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Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:-

I have your favor of the 19th enclosing letter from the Rev. J. Claude Thomson in the matter of expenditure for outfit. I note the embarrassment arising out of the difference in the arrangements for outfit allowance. I should think it proper for our mission to provide this extra expense if it has not been able to provide the house with heavy furniture. I will take the matter up and follow your request in answering his letter, letting him know that you have passed it on to us.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

*F. M. North*

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April 30th, 1918.

Rev. F. M. North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. North:

I thank you most heartily for your remittance of \$8,000 sent to enable the Trustees of the University of Nanking to cover their obligations on property account. I am today depositing this and checking it out, and in behalf of the Board of Trustees thank you and thru you your Board for this generous contribution to the capital account of the University.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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June  
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1918.

Mr. Dwight H. Day,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

TRANSIT

My dear Mr. Day:

I am having our treasurer send to you a check for \$500. This is a contribution received by bequest, designated in accordance with the terms of the bequest by Miss Ruth Brown for work connected with Nanking University, preferably to be applied upon our contribution for the work of the hospital. Kindly hold it in this form until the judgment of Dr. Bowen can be secured. I am writing him, suggesting this use which will hold if he agrees.

I may add that I have in hand an additional amount of \$2,000 making a total of \$10,000 which would be available at any time for a specific need in the matter of capital investment. This might properly be added to the \$500, making a total of \$2,500 on the hospital account, if it can be made a matter of investment. We should not wish it to be applied on the current account.

May I ask whether you have any outstanding account against our Board, or Mission, in the matter of the contribution for the support of a medical man covering the last two years? You will recall that Dr. Perkins has been giving part time and I am not quite clear as to the exact financial status at this point.

Yours cordially,

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*Frank Mason North*

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June 13th, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

In reply to your inquiry of June 10th, addressed to Mr. Day, may I say that as Treasurer of the University of Wanking I have received but one remittance covering the salary of a medical man in the University. That remittance was \$1200. upon December 8th, 1916. You will know as to the number of years that you were without a representative in the Medical Department and what, therefore, additional amount, if any, is due from your Board.

I am passing on to Mr. Speer your good word that you have an additional \$2500. available for capital investment in the University, preferably in the hospital account. As you have written to Mr. Bowen, you doubtless will not take action until you receive his reply. I am mentioning the fact to Mr. Williams also, so that he will advise with you regarding it when he is talking over University matters with you.

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M

Treasurer

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July 2, 1918.

Memorandum of needs in University of Nanking

Interview with Dr. Williams, June 26,

ARTS DEPARTMENT

- 1 teacher of physics
- 1 teacher of biology
- 1 teacher of mathematics
- 1 teacher of modern history (to interpret modern advance to the Chinese)
- 1 teacher of religion
- 2 teachers in English (to use direct method, one for Junior Col.)
- 1 teacher to be associated with Wilson in the High School.
- 1 man to handle educational extension work (they have Hu in mind for this latter work, but may use him as a regular instructor)

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

- 1 general field man needed

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

- 4 doctors needed, as follows:
- (1) eye, ear, nose, and throat
  - (2) Pathology and lab work.
  - (3) General medicine
  - (4) Surgeon

It is the expectation of the University that the support for 3 of these men will be assumed as follows:

- Methodists - 1 teacher
- Disciples - 1 "
- China Med. Board - 1 teacher

Dentist is also needed - Support is already provided by the University.

2 nurses also needed. - Support in hand.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL - Teachers as follows:

- (1) Advanced theology to be taught in English.
- (2) Religion (1 teacher would be able to handle this work in the Seminary and in the College)
- (3) Church History, Old Testament - English Bible

These men should be supported as follows:

- Methodists - 1 man
- Disciples - 2 men
- Presbyterians - 1 man

For these teachers we must find men with thorough training together with the most essential quality of a strong personality.

This year, 1918, 240 students are enrolled in advanced work-- the largest number enrolled in advanced work in any institution of any kind in China.

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A most crying need for teachers of English.

The following amounts are in the budgets

erection.

<i>Gold</i>	(1)	\$35,000	building now in process of
<i>Gold</i>	(2)	10,000	now being expended
"	(3)	5,000	used for residence
<i>Mex.</i>	(4)	19,000	<del>mix</del> equal
<i>Mex.</i>	(5)	16,000	received locally last year

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Cincinnati, Ohio  
July 25, 1918.

Dr. Orville Reed,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

My dear Dr. Reed:

Thank you very much for sending me the statement from Mr. Clark. It looks to me, very promising. The fact that he grew up on the mission fields and has had two years of teaching work under the Government in Japan, is training at Oberlin and training at the Massachusetts School of Technology, are all strong points and the fact that his wife is a graduate nurse of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Would you please ask him if he would be interested in undertaking the teaching of calculus and theoretic equations or contemplating the associate principal of the High School for two hundred boys. I should be interested in any further statements you have of him.

I had heard from Mr. McConnaughy that his house was rented so I am looking hard for a place to live at Mont Saint Clair so would appreciate any help you could give us in looking for a house.

Mrs. Williams joins with me in good wishes.

As ever yours,

JW\*HMR

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July 26, 1918.

Dr. F. M. North,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

My dear Dr. North:

Thought you would be pleased to know that the Foreign Christian Missionary Society have appointed Dr. and Mrs. Marx to go directly to Nanking to fill one of the vacancies in that college. He will give his whole time to teaching English in the Junior College. I came down to Cincinnati yesterday, to meet another man who was a possibility for Nanking but decided it was not wise to send him.

I am writing this letter especially regarding Irving T. Hu, who is a graduate of Nanking and who has taken his post-graduate work at Columbia for the past three years in education, management. He is now prepared to return to the staff at Nanking. President Bowen is exceedingly anxious to have him return this fall for the term. He will fill the place of supervisor of Secondary and Preparatory Schools with a position which the University has been strongly urged to fill by the cooperating Societies. President Bowen hoped that Bishop Lewis might be able to arrange for the special support for this work. He is a member of your church and would be a very effective worker in the field. At present he is at 60 Pearl St., Boston, assisting in business the man who has generously aided him in his post-graduate work through the arrangement made by Bishop Lewis.

I am being urged by President Bowen to do all possible to secure his return in time for the fall term. On July the 17th, the following cablegram came from President Bowen. "Giau Gue available. Can you provide salary? Cable."

Mr. and Mrs. Giau Gue have been engaged by Dr. P. W. Kuo. They are both graduates of Oberlin besides his work as physical director he is a fine musician. He had a much larger salary when with Dr. Kuo in Government work but desires to direct missionary work and are in every way very desirable for the University. I thought you might know a way to raise the sailing money for Mr. Hu and provide special salary for Mr. and Mrs. Giau Gue.

I shall be at the Young People's Conference at Lake Geneva for the next ten days and then can be addressed at South Salem, Ohio.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the Foreign Christian Missionary Society undertook to pay 5% interest on their \$40,000. pledged for endowment, beginning the first of next January, that is on the part of the interest not paid over.

With cordial regards, I am

JW<sup>HR</sup>

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W. S. LEWIS  
RESIDENT BISHOP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SHANGHAI, CHINA

ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES  
150 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

Sioux City, Iowa, July 27, 1918.

Rev. J. E. Williams,  
South Salem, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Williams:

During the last month I have been like Caesar, changing my bed every night. I have just returned home and have your letter of July 2d. I note what you say concerning the necessity of Mr. Hu's return to Nanking. I had a letter from him stating the case concerning the inability of his Boston friend to pay his travelling expenses back to China. I also have a letter from Dr. Bowen asking that we provide for the salary of Brother Hu after his return to China. I have both of these projects on my mind and shall do everything in my power to bring them to pass.

I am surprised to learn that Mr. Bullock is not to return to China. I also note with regret that Mr. Settlemyer is not to return to the University. I am deeply interested in the return of Mr. Hu and especially in the work of supervision of the Primary Schools.

It will be a very great delight to meet you and talk over China problems especially those that pertain to the work of the University. You will probably be in New York in Sep. and we must arrange to get together at that time and by cooperation help in the great enterprise so near both our hearts.

With every good wish, I remain,

Cordially yours,

W. S. Lewis

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150 Fifth Avenue  
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July  
Thirtieth  
1918.

Dr. J. E. Williams,  
c/o Young People's Conference,  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

My dear Dr. Williams:

I have your favor of July 26th. It raises some questions which it is quite difficult for me to answer. The provision made in connection with the cooperation in Nanking calls for the placing of four missionary representatives in the faculty of the University, and the provision of a sum of \$3600. a year in addition. None of the persons to whom you have called my attention are missionaries of our Board. We could not therefore undertake to send them out as Board representatives in any such form as you suggest. If your thought is that outside of our regular contributions, as determined by agreement, we have the funds or could raise the funds for these additions to the work, I must report that we have no funds available and, in view of our present plans, should not think it wise to attempt to raise them by special appeal. I should be very glad indeed to have some direct word from President Bowen as to the action he may wish to have us take in this or in similar cases.

I am glad to hear that the Foreign Christian Missionary Society agreed to pay 5% interest on their \$40,000 pledge for endowment, beginning the first of next January. I do not understand the last phrase of the last paragraph of your letter, "that is on the part of the interest not paid over." Do I understand that this \$40,000 is an amount additional to that which they contributed to the combination at the beginning?

My attention has been called to proposals concerning the development of the Theological School. Our Board made a supplemental appropriation of \$1000. with a view of strengthening the Theological School. It has not been called for because no specific plan has been made which properly could requisition the money. On the other hand, the proposal is, as I understand, that which you have informally presented. I do not recall that anything was said about this at the meeting of the Board of Trustees. It would seem to involve a very much larger project and awakens my interest. The proposal to develop a Theological School based upon the college training seems to me to begin at a point well up the tree before the growth of the stem has been sufficiently vigorous to warrant the weight. In other words, I would require a pretty definite preliminary course for entrance to the Theological School, - I am not sure that I would

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Dr. J. E. Williams.

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require it to be a college course,- then I should plan a Theological School which would have in it those elements for training for practical work the available men. I would think we needed that type of men in much larger numbers quite as much as we do high class thinkers who would be developed in the kind of a course indicated in the suggestions I have seen.

Just what relation this proposal has to the development of the University and the strengthening of it in the Departments which ought to be built up and endowed, does not appear. I had supposed that our special emphasis was upon this phase, and further, that as Trustees of the University, since the Theological School is not an incorporated part of that Institution, we would need individually and collectively to see our way very clear before us before we were committed, either by our own act or by that of any friend of the Institution, to a greatly enlarged program of theological education.

Sometime when you are in New York I shall be glad to carry out the suggestion in your very brief moment in the office that we may discuss some of these matters at greater length.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Smith*

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*Thos. S. Donohugh*

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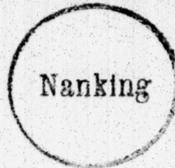
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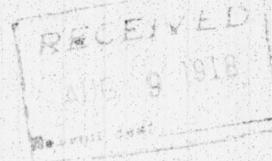
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CANDIDATE CORRESPONDENCE  
T. S. DONOHUGH, SECRETARY



August  
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1918.



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*[Signature]*

*Mr. Carter a/c to C.M. Bd.*

Mr. Russell H. Carter, **TRANSFER**  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Dr. North has asked me to send to you as Treasurer of Nanking University, our check for \$2,500., which is to be applied on account of our obligation for the hospital which is in connection with the University.

This is in addition to the \$8,000., which has I understand, already been sent to you and which has been allocated.

With kind regards,

Yours cordially,

*Thos. S. Donohugh*

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CANDIDATE DEPARTMENT  
THOMAS S. DONOHUGH  
JAMES H. LEWIS

August  
Ninth  
1918.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I find that in this memorandum which you gave me on June 26th I fail to have the exact needs here which you would expect our Methodist Board to provide for and though I realize that we will want to cooperate intimately with the other boards in finding the men asked for here, yet if you could give us an indication of how many men we will be expected to support in the Arts Department and Agricultural School as you already have done for the Medical and Theological Schools, it will be a great help. Can you not put a note just at the side of the enclosed memorandum?

Sincerely yours,

*James H. Lewis*

Dr. J. E. Williams,  
South Salem, Ohio.

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*To* Mr. Williams

September 16th, 1918.

Bishop W. S. Lewis,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Bishop Lewis:

I delayed replying to your cordial letter of July 27th, thinking we would meet here in New York and have an opportunity of talking over matters, as you suggested. I find I was a little too late in returning to find you before you went in on your campaign work. I regret exceedingly my failure to be back in time for such conference with you. It would be invaluable for me personally and your counsel on the plans of the University would be of inestimable value.

Mr. Bullock has returned, I understand, to the work of the Presbyterian Mission in Wei-hsien, Shantung, where he will be in a boys' school with Mr. Wells.

I have kept in constant touch with Mr. Hu who seems to be working very heartily with his friend and patron in Boston. He is anxious to return to China, as President Bowen and I are anxious to have him return, but the experience of earning money in a regular business in America will also be excellent training for him.

Our hearts have been enthralled and inspired by the magnitude of the undertaking your Church is making for the Kingdom at this time. We shall follow with deep interest and prayer the efforts you make. It would give President Bowen and me very great satisfaction if the enterprise of the University could be kept well to the front in the campaign so that the leaders and rank and file of your Church should know of the work being done. The outlook for the University's work in China was never brighter. If the backing from the American side could be commensurate with the wide open door that stands before us, a work for the Missions and the Kingdom could be wrought that will tell mightily on the future leaders of China.

The Trustees of the University are meeting on Thursday, September 19th, at 9:30 in the morning. I do hope it will be possible for you to attend. We are expecting at the meeting besides a full representation of the Trustees, Mr. Chang Po-ling, who is a member of the Board of Managers, with his friend Fang Yuen-Lin, former Minister of Education in China, and Yen Hsiu, who, with Chang Po-ling, was the founder of the Nankai High School.

Hoping to see you then,

With most cordial regards,  
Sincerely yours,

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October 7, 1918.

Rev. Frank M. North, D.D.,  
150- Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:-

I am glad to report to you that I have this morning received the final payment from the Foreign Christian Missionary Society toward the permanent equipment of the hospital at Nanking University. I have collected from the China Medical Board \$17,500., of their offer of \$25,000. provided the Boards contributed a like amount. I am now in a position to write to them for \$2,000., the balance of this final payment from the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. I spoke to you in July when I received the first \$2,000. from the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, and you kindly said that you had some funds in hand, and your Treasurer sent over \$2,500., and I collected a like amount from the China Medical Board. There remains now only \$5,500. of the amount that you underwrote, and a like amount from the China Medical Board. If it is convenient to you to send us a check for \$5500. the balance of the \$8,000. which you agreed to give, it will clear the entire matter up.

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

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*J. M. North*

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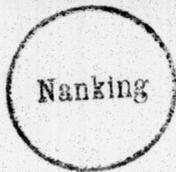
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Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue  
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GEORGE M. FOWLES

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS PHONE, 2130 CHELSEA

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October fourteen  
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Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Carter:

Your favor of the 7th instant has been carefully considered. We are recognizing the obligation to provide the additional \$5,500 for the hospital at Nanking University. We have not that amount at our command at the present time; it would be a rather difficult matter to secure it, since we are in the last month of our fiscal year, and are not yet clear as to what our total income will be, and do not know what will be required in the matter of the appropriation to be made early in November, covering the new fiscal year.

Unless there is a real emergency upon us in connection with the completion of this amount, it would be much more convenient for us to take care of the matter after a month or six weeks. Kindly let me know whether this will seriously affect the situation in Nanking.

Yours cordially,

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October 18th, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I thank you for your courteous response of October 14th, and in reply would say that I think the time of the payment of this last \$5500. can safely be left in your hands. My understanding is that this building will actually be completed by the end of this calendar year and that they have completed the Language School building and have used all of the funds which were contracted and sent forward for that building. I was at first inclined to think that they had some drafts on the field, which had been sent forward for other work but not used, which they could sell and use for the completion of the hospital building. Upon looking the matter up, however, I find that such apparently is not the case. They do not seem to have any outside funds available and appear to be dependent upon this last \$11,000. to complete the payment for the building. From your letter, however, it would seem as though it were only a matter of a few weeks, and possibly you may be happily relieved by the receipt during this month of funds which may become available for this purpose. I will leave the matter with you with this statement of facts as I understand the situation.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 19th, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

There are so many good things coming to me in letters from Dr. Bowen that I should like to talk over with you, but I realize that you are in the midst of closing your fiscal year and are under double usual pressure.

Letters recently received from President Bowen give a most cheering report of the enrolment at the opening of the Fall term. Letters during the Summer indicated that there would be an unusually large enrolment owing to the fact of the Chinese students returning from Tokyo and not expecting to go again to study in Japan. Under date of September 10th, Dr. Bowen writes:

"We have never had such an opening where the students were back so promptly and the class work and everything started off so well and so on time. The Minutes of the last Faculty Meeting, which we are sending, will give you a lot of most excellent material. Ninety-six new men not including graduates of the University Middle School came before the Committee on admission to the Colleges. On September 10th eighty had been received from these new students."

The outlook is that there will be an increased enrolment in the Colleges of not less than 30 per cent. There will probably be over 300 students enrolled in the college courses. In another letter Dr. Bowen wrote that they were placing chairs on every available foot of space in the lecture room of Science Hall to seat them for chapel.

You will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marx sailed on the "Tenyo Maru" from San Francisco October 12th. Mr. Marx will be associated with Mr. Harry Clemons in the English work and give his whole time to teaching English to the students of the Junior College.

This time when it is so difficult to secure men from the U. S. to reinforce the staff, you will be pleased to know that Dr. Bowen has been able to add to our staff at Nanking Mr. Sie Chia Shen, a graduate of the University, who has spent three years in the study of agriculture in the U. S. at Cornell and Penn State. To provide for the work which Miss Wixson and Miss Taylor were doing so excellently, and who are now on furlough in the United States, the Misses Stearns, White, and Braasted were secured from the Kuling School. They are women who have had excellent training and will meet the emergency very satisfactorily. Miss Pierce who was in the employ of the University about five years ago, and who did very exceptional work as a teacher, has also consented to come for the period of Miss

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Dr. F. M. North

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Oct. 19th, 1918.

Wixson's absence. To reinforce the teaching in agriculture two other Chinese returned students, a Dr. Wang and Mr. Tsien, were engaged on the field. They will also cover in part the work carried on by Messrs. Settlemyer and Bullock who are not returning to the University.

The development of the work at Nanking was never more encouraging and reassuring. The Minutes of the Board of Trustees have been mailed to you. I should like at this time to remind you of the date of the next annual meeting 9:30 A.M. December 6th. The Board of Managers met at Nanking October 11th, and President Bowen writes that Budgets and all reports should be here in good time for our next regular annual meeting.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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*J. M. North*

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FRANK MASON NORTH

# Board of Foreign Missions Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS    PHONE. 2130 CHELSEA

October 29th,  
1918.

Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:-

Referring to your favor of the 18th, let me thank you for the information therein and its suggestions. As I understand the case the payment of our \$5,500.00 is very urgent. I cannot, however, do anything about this until the time of our Annual meeting, when I shall be glad to have it receive consideration.

Yours cordially,

*J. M. North*

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November 9, 1918

Bishop W.S.Lewis, J.L.D.,  
150- 5th Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Bishop Lewis:-

It was a great pleasure to have the conference with you this morning, and talk over our very vital interests in the University.

Although the University will never be free from great financial pressure to carry its rapidly growing budget, we can rejoice heartily in the success already achieved. Two hundred and eighty-five men enrolled in College classes this Fall doing a grade of work that will admit them into the next corresponding class of any American University, is an achievement for union in the face of flood, famine, revolution and fire that gives us great cause of rejoicing.

The University of Nanking now has the largest body of students doing this grade of work to be found anywhere in China, whether in Government or Mission College. We're confronted with the burden of our success. In other departments of the University there are enrolled three hundred additional Chinese students, about one hundred and nine missionaries in the Language School, to make no mention of the most encouraging work of the University Hospital.

Under date of August 22nd after reviewing the necessary additions to the faculty, the growing budget, President Bowen writes: "So that I have been writing to Dr. North and by the way we have also to pay D.Y. Lin's salary from August 1st but we will have to cut it down to \$150,000 gold so far as I can see - counting his it will take at present exchange \$8000.- \$9000. gold above what we paid last year or last term. Increased fees will cover some of it but we shall have to look to you and to the Trustees for additional amount. In round numbers we shall need \$10,000 gold additional over last years Budget to get along as well as we have been in the past, and we ought to be getting along better year by year, rather than holding our own in the work.

In response to your suggestion I would outline some of the contributions that have come toward the current expense of the University, not items toward property account.

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To clear off deficits on the current account of the Medical School I raised from Presbyterian sources \$16,000.gold In addition the Presbyterian Board contributed the support of Dr. and Mrs. LaSell for three years, an amount of about \$4,500.gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Small(the engineer) have been supported directly by the Presbyterian Board at our urgent request for over five years now at a cost of about \$1200. a year. The Treasurers'support has been contributed for a like period at the average rate of about \$800. a year. Dr. Liu's salary for one year and Mr.Z.T.Ing's salary for five years have been contributed at the rate of \$900. a year. Other gifts of several thousand dollars have been put into the current account.

I do hope you can achieve your purpose of having the Foreign Board undertake the interest on the \$100,000. for endowment from the first of January, as the Foreign Christian Mission Society have undertaken to pay the interest on their pledge of \$40,000. from the same date.

Anything that can be done to relieve President Bowen's extreme anxiety over his estimated deficit of \$10,000 gold. on this years' current expense will be an inexpressable relief.

With your lead in this line I am sure there would ne an increase response from givers within the other churches in addition to grants being surrently made. I am assured that the Christian Church will be prepared to go forward with larger support, and I can certainly appeal to individual donors with greater argument.

I am going for a tena days speaking trip with a team led by Rev. A.E.Cory, among the leaders of the Christian Church, but expect to be back to New York about the 20th of this month.

We rejoice heartily in the great success of your Church in its missi onary program for the last year.

With very cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
November 29, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. North:-

I have tried to see you in the last day or two to have a second discussion regarding my connection with the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. I hesitate to retain my connection when apparently I am unable to manifest all the interest and zeal in the work of the University which a trustee ought to manifest.

If I thought I should ever again have any relationship to the Foreign Board, I should like to keep hold of it. On the other hand, I seem to be getting more deeply involved every day where I am. If you feel that the time has come when I ought to be relieved, I hope you will present my resignation to the Board at its annual meeting next week, and explain the reasons why it is done. If you are in doubt, I suppose the matter could go over.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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December 3rd, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

We of the Presbyterian Board are very glad to learn from your public reports that this past year has been the largest year in the way of receipts that your Board of Foreign Missions has ever experienced. We certainly rejoice with you in the outcome of the year and hope that your Centenary Drive may likewise prove a great success.

In view of the proposed meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, the 6th, I am wondering whether you would like to have your attention called to the \$5500.00 which you were hoping to send over the first of December, if your fiscal year, closing November 1st, closed satisfactorily. It would be more satisfactory to us all, I think, if in reporting to the Board we could report this \$25,000.00 all in hand. You have been having busy days and it may not occur to you until the Board meeting day, whereas if your attention is called to it now you may be able to get the remittance over and have the matter closed.

Very sincerely yours,

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES  
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FRANK MASON NORTH

# Board of Foreign Missions Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



150 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS    PHONE, 2130 CHELSEA

Dec. 3, 1918.

*Handwritten initials and scribbles*

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
1701 Arch St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Brother Diffendorfer:

I have your favor of the 29th ult.  
I do not think that I am in a position to decide the question you suggest in that letter. Your own sense of relationships and your ability to command the time and your own conviction as to your ability to serve the interests of Nanking University and of the Foreign Board should be the determining factor. Of course, if you do not feel that you can give either the time or the attention to the work which seems to be required, it would be wise to have a representative who can do so, as out of the three representatives, we cannot always be sure of the presence of more than one or two, even when they are within reach of the meetings. I shall not wish to take any action on the matter unless you definitely make a decision, which it seems to me belongs to you to make.

Cordially yours,

*F. M. North*

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*I need not say, I trust, that because of our personal relationships I should be glad for your continuance in membership.*

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111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
December 11, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

I appreciate more than I can tell your letter of December 3rd with reference to Hanking University. I should like to hold the matter open until the close of the Centenary campaign. There has not been very much to do this year since Williams has been at home. When he is not here a good deal of attention has to be given to the interests of the University.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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December 9th, 1918.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

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You inquired as to how nearly we provided the \$3000. gold that the co-operating Boards were obliged to contribute for the hospital. The Southern Presbyterian Board gave in that year \$225., the three Boards above \$600. each, or \$1800., and the Baptist \$750., a total of \$2775. In other words, we were short only \$225. in that year. This amount divided among our three Boards would mean \$75. gold for each Board. This at two for one would mean 150 Mex., and at the cost of the Mexican today (90 cents) would mean that we should each provide \$135. gold.

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Very sincerely yours,

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December 9, 1918.

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150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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Russell Carter (Sgd)  
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December 13, 1918.

Bishop W. S. Lewis,

150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Bishop Lewis:

The meeting of our Board of Trustees on December 6th in New York was a very satisfactory one. Miss Wixon, Principal of the Model School, Mr. Sarvis, Dean of the College, Mr. Francis Price, who had just come over from Nanking, and Hon. Cheung T. Wang were present to represent China directly. Our most serious problem, of course, was the alarming deficits on current expense which were causing President Bowen and the rest of us such distress. The Trustees unanimously recommended that the co-operating Boards make their grants for the years 1917 and 18 on the basis of two Mexican dollars for ~~one~~ gold. If this is carried out by the co-operating Boards it will relieve our deficit on current expense. The Trustees also recommended that the two residences left upon the University's hands by the retirement of the two missionaries from the field be provided by the Foreign Christian Mission Society and the Methodist Board for their doctors on the medical staff. Dr. North of course will undertake to carry those projects through with your Board. You, knowing the situation on the field, and our desperate need, will be able to help us greatly in the statement of the case.

I hope you are keeping well under the strenuous demands upon your energies and sympathies in the new campaign.

It was a great pleasure to me to meet your daughter at Syracuse University a week ago and to hear how splendidly she could answer the questions of the students contemplating work in China. She could exert such a tremendous influence in visiting colleges and universities in this country and making concrete to the young people the conditions and problems that would meet.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely,

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January 9, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Dr. North:

In your absence I am directing mail so as to fall to the right party. I am enclosing copy of the Minutes of the last meeting. There are two matters of which you approved and agreed to present to your Board that will require very immediate attention: (1) The two for one appropriations from April 1, 1917 until Dec. 31, 1918. Our Treasurer, Mr. Russell Carter has worked out the percentage to apply, based upon the report which Mr. Owen supplied him of the exchanges. It seemed only equitable that an average rate of exchange should be estimated so that the supplementary grants would fall at the same rate to each of the co-operating Boards under that rate of exchange. *Mr. Owen's report 2/1/19*  
He worked that out carefully for the points concerning the Hospital as well as the University proper, I need not go over the matter again, but I enclose a copy of his letter.

You knew the desperate condition the University was in, how it was working under the same conditions as any one of the Boards and their Missions on the field, and was under the obligation of paying all its foreign salaries at the rate of two for one, and that its budget was estimated at the rate of two for one; so the only way it could possibly go on was to have the grants from the Societies made at the rate of two for one, as they have been made to the Missions. This is of first and urgent importance.

(2) The request of the Trustees that contributions be made by the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions and Foreign Christian Mission Society for two residences to provide residences for their doctors on the Medical staff. As you recall, both these actions met with your approval in the meeting, as they did with the approval of all the Trustees present.

President Bowen's letters bring in the most cheering reports of the development of the University. With an enrolment of 285 students in college doing their advanced work in English, we have now an enrolment surpassing any other institution in China, Government or Missionary, of students of

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this grade.

I am enclosing with the Minutes resumé of Mr. Wang's address to the Trustees. These remarks will have the greater interest now that Mr. Wang has been appointed by the Peking Government as well as representing the southern forces. It will be cause of reassurance to Christian missionaries in China that this conspicuous Christian leader will be seated at the Peace Table as representing both North and South.

Hoping that your Board will be able to afford us the relief needed on the two propositions requiring immediate attention,

Very sincerely yours,

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Very sincerely yours,  
Russell Carter (Sgd)  
Treasurer.

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*Harry Farmer*

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HARRY FARMER

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January  
Thirteenth  
1919.

Mr. Russell Carter,  
Treasurer University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Referring to your letters of December 9th and 10th, and Dr. Speer's letter of November 22nd to Dr. North in regard to certain amounts due the Nanking University from the Methodist Board, I beg to hand you herewith a check for \$4622.10, for the following items:

1. \$1919.70, the amount required to cover loss in exchange on the appropriation of our Board for 1917.
2. \$1343, the back salary for our fourth man from November 17, 1917 to December 31, 1918.
3. \$1074.40, the loss in exchange on the above amount.
4. \$135, the amount which is - \$75 the Methodist share of the extra current expenses for 1917, and \$60 loss in exchange on same.
5. \$150, to make up our share of hospital expenses to \$750, it being thought \$600 has already been sent you.

Before leaving Dr. North secured authority from the Executive Committee to make a further advance of \$9000 in connection with our participation in the Nanking University, it being understood that this is to be used in the purchase of a residence for the medical missionary of our Board. This amount is available whenever required.

We are not just exactly clear as to your method of figuring the loss in exchange on a system of averages. Our method here is to advise our treasurer in Shanghai of the amount appropriated in gold and allow him to draw upon us for the amount it actually purchases in Mex. In this way we have no trouble in figuring loss in exchange on our drafts sent out for loss in exchange amounts, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the amount is exact with no balances on one side or the other.

Very truly yours,

*Harry Farmer*

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January  
Fifteenth  
1919.

*File  
Dr North*

Mr. J. E. Williams,  
University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Williams:

Your letter of January ninth to Dr.

North has been received. As you know, he is in Europe at present. We are now writing to Mr. Carter, treasurer of the Nanking University, sending him a check for the amounts asked for in his letter of December ninth, which was taken up before Dr. North left. The minutes of the last meeting will be brought to Dr. North's attention on his return.

Very truly yours,

*Harry Farmer*

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January 20th, 1919.

Mr. Harry Farmer,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Farmer:-

We greatly appreciate the remittance for Nanking University from the Methodist Board which you have kindly sent us in the amount of \$4,622.10, covering exchange items as per statement in your letter of January 13th, together with the salary of your fourth man in the University from November 17th, 1917 to December 31st, 1918.

Also \$150.00 additional for the running expenses of the Nanking Hospital, this to bring your annual quota up to \$750.00. As explained to you in person the rates for the year 1917 have been the actual rates at which Mr. Owen, the Treasurer on the field, has sold the drafts which we have sent to you from time to time during the year as the co-operating Boards have made remittances to me.

In reply to your inquiry regarding the funds for the residence for your Doctor at Nanking, may I say that these two residences have been purchased upon the field already with funds partly in hand, and the balance borrowed, so that we should be very glad to receive the \$9,000.00 which Dr. North has secured authority from the Executive Committee to pay over. As it will save them further interest charges on the field we can send this forward immediately.

May I express to your Board through you the thanks of the Board of Trustees and of the University for your clearing these matters so promptly and making these funds available. Letters which we have received from President Bowen and Treasurer Owen the last two months have made it very clear that they were carrying a heavy burden because of their situation financially. The Presbyterian Board has already turned over funds to cover the exchange for the year 1917 and draft has gone forward to the field. Draft covering your remittance is going forward today.

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

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January 21st, 1919.

Mr. Speer  
Dr. Williams

Dear Friends:

In reply to your inquiry the Methodist Board has just sent us a check for \$4,622.10 covering the exchange for the calendar year 1917, and the salary of Mr. Thomson from Nov. 17, 1917, to December 31st, 1918, also loss in exchange on this salary, and the additional \$150. for current expenses of the Hospital, making their gift for the year 1918, \$750. In other words, everything has been covered save the exchange for the year 1918. The exchange for the year 1917 was figured upon Mr. Owen's report as to proceeds of the drafts which he sold during that year. Mr. Owen has reported to me the rates at which drafts thus far in the year 1918 have been sold and I will report to you and the Boards the additional amount needed on account of exchange for 1918 as soon as we have received Mr. Owen's report covering the last months of the calendar year 1918.

I have not received anything as yet from the Baptist Board or the Foreign Christian Missionary Board. Mr. Plopper, when in the office at the time of the annual conference, said the matter was definitely before his Board and they were trying to secure the funds necessary to make a remittance to clear the item.

These additional funds received have all been sent to the field by draft.

The amount due from the Baptist Board is \$2729.81 and from the Foreign Christian Board \$3334.50.

Very sincerely yours,

Russell Carter (Sgd)

Treasurer.

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*Harry Farmer*

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January  
Twenty-second  
1919.

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*1/29/19*

Mr. Russell Carter, Treas.,  
University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Your letter of January twentieth  
at hand. Inasmuch as the missionary residences  
at Nanking have been purchased and are now being  
used, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a  
draft for \$9,000 to pay for one residence to be  
used for the medical missionary of our Board in  
Nanking.

Very truly yours,

*Harry Farmer*

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January 28th, 1919.

Mr. Harry Farmer, Secretary,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Farmer:

I thank you for your Board's check  
for \$9,000. in payment of a residence at Hanking for your doctor.  
I know this generous provision by your Board will be greatly appre-  
ciated by them upon the field. The situation was such that they  
were simply forced to take over the two residences there and they  
had to do it upon borrowed money and faith.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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*Mr. North* TRANSFER

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May 27, 1919.

Dr. Frank E. M. North,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

It is a matter of great regret to me that Mr. Speer did not get back to New York until very late Saturday morning and had already made other engagements, so in the little time he was in the City, it was not possible to arrange for the conference. I should so like, myself, to have met you and Bishop Lewis in conference at that time, but I hesitated to do so, feeling that your time was limited and that you had many urgent matters to consider. There has been such a pressure of demands upon Secretaries of the Boards and other members of our Board of Trustees that it has been difficult to agree upon a time satisfactory for another meeting of the Trustees, which we certainly ought to have in June.

There would be a great advantage in having a meeting while Bishop Lewis was still here. Could you arrange a meeting for the 12th or 13th or 14th of June, fitting in with your plans? I learned from Bishop Lewis that these dates were possible for him. We will have a Board Meeting on Monday, the 16th of June, and the continuance of the Committee of Reference and Counsel comes on Wednesday, the 18th, so the 17th would probably be available.

When you are back in New York I do hope we can have a time to consider more in detail matters of the Seminary Finances and other questions which should be gone over in advance of a full meeting. I had a wire that Dr. McClean would be in New York on the 2nd and 3rd. Would it be possible for you at that time to meet with other members of the regular Executive Committee to consider these matters?

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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May 27, 1919.

Bishop <sup>W</sup>Willis S. Lewis,  
Morningside,  
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Bishop Lewis:

I enclose a letter which was written to Dr. North, suggesting dates for the meeting of the Board of Trustees. I feel that it is absolutely necessary, for the best interest of the University work, that you be present at the next meeting. Your conviction and outlook can do much to encourage the members of our Board. You can visualize the program that lies before the University. I was exceedingly desirous of having further conference with you while here. Is there any possibility of your being in the City on the 2nd or 3rd of June? Could you not arrange to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees if we could have one on the 12th, 13th or 17th of June?

You will be pleased to know, I am sure, that Mr. Severance and Sister were willing to raise their gift for the Central Building from \$35,000 to \$65,000, in order to carry through the building as planned, at the present heavy rate of exchange. The funds in control of the Presbyterian Board were assigned to the University to the extent of \$25,000, in order to complete the Chapel and to aid in the construction of other dormitories.

I do hope your plan suggested can be carried through, to have a Science Building as a Memorial to Bashford - \$50,000 now will carry out that plan, and if the work could be begun soon, it would mean so much in encouraging President Bowen and all the men on the Staff. At present, we have to conduct classes in the Swasey Science Building up to nine o'clock at night, in order to cover the work. We are greatly rejoiced over the fine outcome of the Seminary. Your plan for Endowment will, undoubtedly, now be carried out.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

JW:CS

Encl. copy.

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W. S. LEWIS  
RESIDENT BISHOP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SHANGHAI, CHINA

ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES  
150 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

May  
Twenty eighth,  
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Dr. J. E. Williams & Family  
38 St. Lukes Place  
Montclair N J

My dear Brother Williams:

The funeral service of Bishop Bashford will occur in Delaware, Ohio, Thursday morning, June 19th. A special memorial service will be held at 2:30 o'clock that afternoon.

I know that our China missionaries and other China friends will all wish to attend these services so far as possible. China missionaries and Chinese friends are requested to serve as honorary pall bearers and sit together in a body.

We all deeply mourn the loss of our beloved leader and colleague. It will be a sad privilege to unite with others in paying tribute to his remarkable life of service.

Cordially yours,

W. S. Lewis  
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May 28th, 1919.

Rev. Geo. M. Fowles, D. D., Treasurer,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Fowles:

You kindly sent us \$1919.70 on January 18th to make good the two for one rate on the grant made by your Board to the University of Nanking. We wrote to Dr. North under date of December 9th, 1918, stating that we would be glad to receive draft covering the year 1918 as well, though at the time we had not report from the Treasurer on the field as to the rates at which drafts during the last quarter of the calendar year 1918 had been sold.

I find now that we are embarrassing them upon the field by not making good this exchange loss from quarter to quarter. In other words, we have authorized them to proceed upon the two for one basis but have not given them the funds until a year after they have been forced to expend it. I am now gathering from our own Board the additional cost for the year 1918 and should be very pleased to have a remittance from your Board as well to include with the draft to the field. The Foreign Christian Missionary Society are now with each quarterly remittance including the loss in exchange as well, and I suppose this is the preferable plan, and one that we could all of us follow and by so doing greatly relieve the pressure they have been under at Nanking for current funds. In any event, will you be good enough to send me a check covering the calendar year 1918. The average for the year appears to be about 85. \$3600. gold at two for one or 7200 Mex. at 85 for the Mex. makes \$6120. gold. \$3600. is what you have already paid to me as Treasurer for that year, leaving a balance due of \$2520.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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June 2nd, 1919.

Rev. Geo. M. Fowles, D. D., Treasurer,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Fowles:

I wrote you on May 28th calling attention to the amount due from your Society and our own for exchange on account of the University of Nanking. I see that I made a slight error in that letter in that I should have named the amount for the year 1918 as \$3750. instead of \$3600. There are but four Boards now co-operating in furnishing the \$3,000. needed each year for the running expenses of the hospital and we are obliged to furnish the entire \$3,000. before we can claim a like amount from the China Medical Board. Your remittances for the year 1919 should, therefore, be upon the basis of \$3750. not \$3600, and I should have asked you for \$2625., exchange on \$3750. rather than exchange on \$3600. Will you be good enough to make the correction.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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*Frank M. North*

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June  
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Mr. Russell Carter, Treas.,  
University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Your letter of May twenty-eighth addressed to  
Dr. Fowles has been received.

We note that there has been a loss in exchange  
on our proportion of \$3750 to the University of Nanking  
amounting to \$2625. This amount seems very high but I  
see no other way than to meet our obligations in the support  
of this Institution, and I accordingly enclose you a draft  
for that amount.

Cordially yours,

*Frank M. North*

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R. E. Diffendorfer



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June 7th, 1919.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Ten A.M., Tuesday, June 17th has seemed, after conference with the members in New York, the most available date for the next meeting of our Board of Trustees.

There has been considerable development in our plans for the University and several encouraging things to report. There is the problem of an adequate staff for the Theological Seminary, in view of Dr. Stuart's call to Peking and Dr. Garritt's enforced absence from China through serious illness ( he is now at the Presbyterian Hospital being treated for sprue). There is also the plan of askings for the University in connection with the Interchurch Movement which should also receive careful consideration.

In light of the new conditions which will affect China quite as seriously as any part of the world, it is important that we have a full quorum and the policy for the future of the University can be given the wisest consideration.

We should like to know at the earliest date whether you can be present at 10 A.M., Tuesday, June 17th.

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:M.

Meeting of Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking,  
Presbyterian Building, New York, 10 A.M. Tuesday, June 17th.

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June 12th, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

I thank you very much for the remittance  
just received this morning of \$2,625.00 covering the loss in  
exchange on your Board's quota for the University of Nanking for  
the fiscal year 1918.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

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*R. E. Duffendorfer*  
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Survey Department  
Home Missions Division  
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111 FIFTH AVENUE  
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74 East Gay Street  
Columbus, Ohio.  
June 17, 1919.

Dr. J. E. Williams,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:-

I am exceedingly sorry that my dates in connection with getting the Columbus Celebration in shape for the opening on June 20, make it impossible for me to be in New York for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. I am particularly sorry for I should like to be present during the discussion of the needs of the University for a budget to be presented to the Interchurch World Movement. I expect to follow up this matter as closely as possible, and I hope that the Trustees will present a big and adequate program for the development of the University. It ought to be one of the most outstanding items in the budget of the Interchurch World Movement for China.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. E. Duffendorfer*

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Dr. Frank Mason North

June 17th, 1919.

Dr. Frank Mason North,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

I am writing to answer a little more fully the question you raised at Trustees meeting this morning in regard to a residence for Miss Wixon out of the Centenary Fund.

President Bowen has written to Miss Wixon and to myself expressing the earnest hope that this might be done as land is available and it would be our hope that \$5,000 Mexican would provide sufficient for building the house to accommodate Miss Wixon and one of her colleagues and servants' quarters and wall.

I was greatly relieved and encouraged by the hearty spirit in which the Trustees, particularly the Executive Officers of the Co-operating Boards, contemplated the proposition made by President Bowen and Mr. Reiser of taking on one additional teacher in the Agriculture & Forestry Department for each of the co-operating societies. I shall hope to have a statement prepared on the lines suggested at an early date.

I should like an opportunity, if you could crowd it into your overcrowded schedule, for a conference with you over the "Centenary Askings for the University of Hanking" in the light of present urgent needs of the University and those things which you could best arrange for through the Centenary.

We were so pleased that your son could be present with you in the Conference. I hope we can early arrange for the conference you proposed on the Seminary situation which in my judgment is just now one of the most crucial situations confronting the co-operating societies in China.

President Bowen was also very desirous that Miss Wixon should take back with her an additional teacher in the Model School. We have been in conference and have had some correspondence over the matter and as yet Miss Wixon is not fully convinced that she has found the teacher that will best fill the need.

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I am writing her again to learn any further develop-  
ments in her plans.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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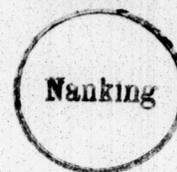
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FRANK A. HORNE  
161-163 CHAMBERS STREET  
NEW YORK

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June 17th, 1919

Mr J.E. Williams, Vice Pres.  
University of Nanking,  
150-5th Ave, N.Y. City

My dear Mr Williams;-

I very much regret that I am unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University to-day. I am finding it increasingly difficult to attend meetings of this character which occur during business hours, especially in the morning. I have found it necessary to retire from several Boards on this account. At the proper time when trustees are elected I believe it would be better to have our Mission Board select a representative who is able to give proper attention to the duties of the office.

With kind regards,

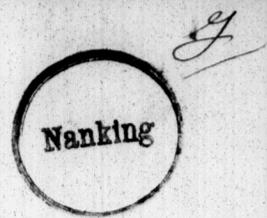
Very truly yours,

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*Frank A. Horne*  
TRANSFER



June 20th, 1919.

Mr. Frank A. Horne,  
161-163 Chambers St.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Horne:

Your letter of June 17th just received. I appreciate deeply the difficulty of men who carry such business responsibilities as you do, to attend a meeting of the Trustees placed in the early morning and I am glad you brought this point out.

I think an effort should be made to have the meeting come in the afternoon if possible but where so many of our members are Executive officers of different Boards, we are a little more secure in placing the meeting for them in the morning but for men who are carrying large business responsibilities, the afternoon should be more available. Before calling the next meeting the point you raised will be borne in mind and every effort made to place the meeting at a time when all can attend.

I shall mail you soon the minutes of the meeting. There was a good quorum and more business accomplished and in better spirit than at any meeting we have had for some years. In fact the meeting seemed to have some of the old vision and punch of the meeting we held in 1912 and 1913 when we were pushing out to do big things.

I hope the co-operating societies are going to take on the support of an additional man each for the Agricultural and Forestry Departments which have developed in a remarkable way.

The Trustees were pleased to know that Mr. Severance and Mrs. Prentiss had increased their gift to the Central Building to \$65,000 gold in order to erect the building as originally planned. Twenty-five thousand dollars was given by the Women's Board of New York from the Sage Legacy to carry out the chapel as originally planned. Mr. Day secured this gift and very generously agreed that his \$15,000 pledge should be used in any way the Trustees desired. All the co-operating societies have advanced the two for one rate to meet the deficit. The University

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is financially afloat again. We hope now to set sails and start steam to drive ahead with more power.

I do hope you are not considering withdrawing from the Board. We need your counsel. We need on the Board of Trustees men who are pushing business matters every day.

Very cordially yours,

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R. E. Diffendorfer



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June 21st, 1919.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
74 East Gay Street,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I was delighted to receive your letter of June 17th.

I can understand your inability to be present at the Trustees meeting.

The Budget of needs of the University from the Inter-church World Movement was referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration and preparation.

I shall appreciate deeply your co-operating in seeing that the University has adequate representation and presentation in the Inter-church World Movement.

Very cordially yours,

JEW:M.

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August 1st, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

I am mailing you under separate cover a little booklet prepared by the A.L.A. on Library work in Siberia, being a collection of Mr. Clemons' letters to the department. I am sure you will look into it with interest. It was of unusual appreciation that Dr. Charles Richardson, Librarian of Princeton gave to Mr. Clemons at a gathering at the Yale Club when he said that the most notable work done under the Library Association during the war was his work in Valdivostok.

The Library work is about the most perfect work done in any department as you will note in the modest report given in connection with President Bowen's report last year on page 15, - 22,244 loans from a collection of 13,482 books would be a record that few libraries would exceed in proportion to their facilities.

Mr. Clemons was married last May to Miss Jennie Jenkins, a graduate of Smith College and a sister to Mrs. James Cochran of Hwai Yuen who died in 1909.

I have heard of a very high grade man for agriculture, a Dr. Roberts of Illinois University, an entomologist, on the faculty there. I do not yet know of his Church affiliation but I am writing to learn more about him. Dr. Charles W. Woodworth who did such notable work for the department on his Sabbatical year was a member of your Church. Roberts might be just the man for you for the Agricultural Department. He is in one of the lines most needed in the University. An entomologist is a keen man for the department of agriculture as fighting pests of all sorts and studying the diseases of plants.

I am enclosing herewith copy of Centenary askings for the University of Nanking. While these totals may be conservative compared with the askings of your Church's Institutions in Singapore, Chentu, Foochow or Peking, they seem to us perfectly magnificent and we rejoice that the University was included on so generous a scale.

I am very glad that you have heard directly from President Bowen what his desires would be for the immediate future. He has felt very deeply the need of endowment or resourced to cover the large part of our staff still unprovided for by the annual grants from the co-operating societies. I have one very

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clear strong lead which I hope will develop into a gift of some \$200,000 for endowment. Your gift of endowment would greatly aid me in that quarter.

The house situation has become very acute as we are renting three houses, having several houses with two families, even when our medical staff is not fully made up and when we are planning for the increase on the staff for agriculture and forestry. Whatever you can do in the Centenary funds toward residences will be meeting a very acute need.

I appreciate very much the time for conference today with you and Mr. Eric North.

It slipped my memory to mention the development of the Theological situation which is a measure would be of great interest to you, namely, the decision of the Episcopal Mission to transfer their Theological Seminary from Hangkow to Nanking. They have written President Bowen asking what would be the feeling of the University regarding such a transfer. He replied saying they would be welcomed very heartily.

The decision of transfer was later made. No Church or mission has been giving more attention relatively, to the development of a highly trained ministry than has the Episcopal. Their decision to move their Theological training to Nanking is very significant as indicating their judgment of the importance of such training at Nanking.

Very cordially yours,

JEW:M.  
Encl.

Mr. Carter

August 7th, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

During the absence of Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer, I have had to refer to some of the accounts and found the correspondence from President Bowen under date of March 5th, and letter to yourself referring to \$6,000. in the hands of the Treasurer of your Mission in Shanghai. The conclusion seemed to be in President Bowen's letter to you of March 7th, quoting one from Mr. Main, enclosing a statement from Mr. DeVesty of your New York office under date of April 10th, 1919, as follows:

"You state that \$6,000 was charged to the Central China Mission and credited to the China Deposit Account. According to our books this transfer was made to the Central China Deposit and we paid the \$6,000 to the Treasurer of the Nanking University at 156 Fifth Avenue of this city, so that you should pay no further attention to it. The \$6,000 was credited to the Central China Account on the first of the year and this entry was simply to transfer the amount from that account to close it at the end of the fiscal year."

I am writing to point out that Mr. DeVesty's (the accountant) understanding of the situation does not tally with the impression that I had gained from conference with you and the action taken at your Annual Board Meeting in 1916. \$6,000. was appropriated for the property account of the University. This money was not remitted to the field until 1917, and is, I surmise, the \$6,000. referred to in Mr. Bowen's letter, which evidently was not turned over to the University by Mr. Main at that time, and was, as Mr. Bowen thought, part of the Cutler bequest. Under date of April 29th, you wrote to Mr. Carter:

"The Trustees of Nanking University may depend upon us for the contribution to the capital account of the \$10,000 of which I wrote you recently."

In your preceding letter of March 30th you wrote:

"Referring to our recent correspondence in the matter of the capital investment for Nanking University, permit me to advise you that the Methodist Board is now in a position to provide an amount up to \$10,000 for that purpose." \*\*\*\*\*

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Aug. 7th, 1919.

I gathered from conversation with you as well as from these letters that this \$10,000 did not include the \$6,000 which had been appropriated in the fall of 1916 and remitted to the field in 1917, and that the letter written by Mr. DeVesty from the New York office assumed that the \$6,000, as a part of the \$10,000 paid to Mr. Carter by you on November 22nd, 1917, was not the same \$6,000 as was remitted to China as part of the Cutler bequest, as that was a separate appropriation, announced and remitted to the field. The error was upon the part of the Treasurer, Mr. Main, at Shanghai in not paying over to the University at the time that separate bequest. The Treasurer's books show that of the additional contribution of \$10,000 for property \$6,000 was paid on November 22nd, 1917, and the additional \$4,000. was paid April 30th, 1918. Later you paid to the Treasurer against the \$6,000 share undertaken for the hospital, on August 9th, 1918, \$2500. and December 5th \$5500. In 1919 \$9,000 was paid for the residence.

It would seem to be very clear, according to Mr. Carter's books, that the \$6,000. in China was the appropriation made by your Board in 1916 from the Cutler bequest and could not have been confused with the \$10,000 here were it not that the \$10,000 undertaken was paid in two amounts of \$6,000 and \$4,000, and the similar amount for property to Nanking might easily mislead the accountant, particularly since appropriation of 1916 was not remitted until 1917.

I hope this history of the situation will be found to be correct and the \$6,000 originally appropriated in 1916 can be made available to the University as announced at that time.

On current account there will be \$1200. a year for a vacancy on the medical staff. Dr. Perkins left the first of July 1918. The 1st of July 1919 would be one year. This was to be paid at the rate of two for one, as we are claiming from the China Medical Board \$2500. gold as offsetting the missionary's salary.

Very sincerely yours,

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*Frank Mason North*

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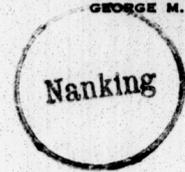
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August seventh  
- 1919 -

The Reverend J. E. Williams, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Doctor Williams:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of August 1, bringing the booklet prepared by the American Library Association in its work in Siberia. I remember meeting Mr. Clemons and I am sure that it will be accounted a good piece of work.

The other notations of your letter are appreciated. I thank you for the copy of the Centenary Askings for Nanking. I could have gotten them, I think, from our Department of Surveys without troubling you, but I am glad to have them before me.

I do not find that there is any provision made in the Centenary Askings for increase of work in the theological schools. I do not know how this requirement can be covered except by the consent of the friends of the University to some readjustment within the total set down for the University. I wonder if they would be willing to make such a readjustment.

Concerning the transfer of the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Mission, I think there is little to be added to what you report. It is an emphasis upon the growing importance of Nanking; whether it means the introduction of an element into the Theological School which may be difficult to deal with, you can tell better than I. I am not sure of the perfect working of the arrangement in Foochow, though perhaps it goes well.

Yours cordially,

*F. M. North*

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Dr. Frank Mason North

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October 7, 1919.

Dr. Frank Mason North,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. North:

I am enclosing, herewith, copy of the letter which Bishop Lewis and Bishop Bashford wrote at the Saratoga Conference.

At that time they felt certain that there was a man who was going to subscribe the whole amount. But, in any case, they felt very sanguine that the funds would soon be available for the University.

Very sincerely yours,

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October  
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Mr. Russell Carter,  
Treasurer Nanking University Trustees,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

I have been trying to straighten out, on the basis of memoranda from Dr. Williams, the matter of appropriations for Nanking University, made by us and paid to you as Treasurer.

The only amount that seems to be in question is the property appropriation made by us November 13, 1917. This was at first, as you perhaps recall, to be paid on the field, that being at that time our method of handling such funds. It was not paid on the field however but recalled and paid to you here. The draft covering this amount (the draft was drawn to the amount of \$6300., \$6000. property appropriation and \$300. balance of regular appropriation to Nanking University) was returned to us and we have it in our files. I therefore do not quite understand Dr. Williams' statement that this does not appear in your accounts. He has stated repeatedly that it must be still due, not having been paid to you or paid on the field. You will be able to straighten this out and I am taking it up direct with you, which is better than to consider such items through a third party who, while interested, is not necessarily familiar with the exact transactions.

Cordially yours,

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*J. M. North to Dr. Williams*

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October fifteen  
- 1919 -

The Reverend J. E. Williams, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City

My dear Doctor Williams:

Thank you heartily for your favor of the 7th, giving me a copy of the letter of Bishop Bashford and Bishop Lewis, written when in Saratoga in May, 1916. I am deeply interested in this letter as it seems to be the foundation for the expectation of \$100,000 in definite funds, available for the University at an early date. It is evidently an expression of the purpose of the Bishops to secure the amount at the earliest possible moment and of the honest endeavor on their part to pay this amount into the endowment funds of the University. It is interesting to note, that holding this expectation they still emphasize most strenuously the importance of establishing primary, intermediate and high schools in order that universities may have material on which to do their work. I think you will further note that the Bishops speak of the responsibility of the Methodist Episcopal Church but at no point do they tell you of such consultation with the one agency in the Church which is responsible for the administration of missionary funds; nor do they state that this is a pledge made by the Board of Foreign Missions, to whom you and others are naturally looking for the realization of this amount. This is only a detail but it will explain why you have not always found me immediately responsive to the claim as to this pledge which has been a matter of the Bishops' desire and purpose and not a matter of agreement on the part of our Board, though we have acquiesced in the purpose and shall fulfil the obligation in due course.

I am seeking for the action by our Executive Committee which will make it possible to put at the disposal of the University the interest on the capital sum of \$100,000, though to do this will be simply to advance money without any substance of capital from which it has been earned, since in the Centenary procedure, funds to this amount have not come in and are not likely to come in for some time to come. Meantime we shall play the game and do our best.

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Yours cordially,

*J. M. North*

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October 24th, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I am afraid that the University of Nanking will have difficulty in financing itself this year, in view of the very high cost of the Mexican dollar, unless we make good to them, as we have agreed to, on exchange before the close of the year. It really would be better if we remitted from quarter to quarter on account of exchange, making any necessary adjustment at the close of the year. The Foreign Christian Missionary Society has done this this year with each quarter. They have remitted on account of exchange as well as their quarter of \$3750. per annum, which our three Boards are liable for. If I may, I will collect at once from our own Society, yours, and the Baptist and remit to the field.

\$3750. gold at two for one is 7500 Mexicans. I suppose the average cost for this calendar year of the Mexican dollar will not be far from 95. At that rate it would make the gold equivalent of 7500 Mex. \$7125. gold. You have already sent \$3600. and are owing \$150. more on account of the hospital, as to date you have only sent \$600. instead of \$750. You will therefore wish to send \$150. additional for the hospital and \$3375. on account of exchange. If this commends itself to you, I would appreciate your kind attention to it in order that I may clear the matter before the meeting of the Board of Trustees November 5th.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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TREASURER

October 27th, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

My understanding is that your representative in the hospital, Dr. Perkins, left Nanking July 1st, 1918, and that to date there has been no substitute provided by your Board for Dr. Perkins. According to the understanding of the co-operating Boards, there would therefore, as I understand it, be due from your Board for salary of a doctor from July 1st, 1918, to January 1st, 1920, at the rate of \$1200. gold per annum, \$1800. gold. At two for one this would be 3600 Mexicans. What would be your mind as to the rate at which this should now be paid? The Mexican dollar today is at about parity with our gold dollar, so that on that basis I suppose we should collect \$3600. gold. Of course, the average for the eighteen months would be a little less than this, probably around 90 cents for the Mexican dollar. Again, you paid the salary of the Rev. J. Claude Thomson to December 31st, 1918, from which time our Board has been paying his salary as one of our four representatives in the University.

I understand that Mr. Dieterich assumed his work for your Board as your fourth representative August 1st, 1919. You will therefore wish to provide salary for seven months from January 1st, 1919, to August 1st, 1919. At \$1200. a year this would amount to \$700. gold,- At two for one, 1400 Mexicans. The average rate for the Mexican dollar for that period was 88 cents, according to the drafts of this Board sold during that time. At this rate per Mexican dollar, the gold equivalent of 1400 Mexicans would be \$1232.00.

If you find these two items correct, as I think you will, may I have your check shortly at your convenience in order that they may be cleared before the meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 5th, and in order that the field may have the benefit of the funds.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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October 27th, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

On my return to the office on Saturday I found your letter of the 15th. I had just been out to Oberlin to be with our oldest daughter who had undergone an operation for appendicitis. It was the second girl within a month. I am glad to say that the operation was successful and she is getting along very well.

I appreciate very much what you write in regard to the undertaking of \$100,000 on the part of Bishops Lewis and Bashford for the Methodist Episcopal Church. I appreciate your difficulty in that there was no official action of the Board. Upon our part, not being more familiar with the division of executive responsibilities, we naturally hoped for the largest response to the Bishops' purpose.

I appreciate greatly your readiness to seek action of your Executive Committee which will make it possible to put at the disposal of the University the interest on the capital sum, etc., though to do this you will be advancing money without the substance of capital from which it has been "earned".

I have a confession to make. Upon more careful reading of the correspondence I find I was mistaken in my interpretation with regard to the \$6,000. It was paid here to Mr. Carter at Dr. Bowen's request. My mistake grew out of the impression that you were contemplating the \$10,000 a distinct contribution for equipment, aside from the \$8,000 which was undertaken as your share for the hospital. You even came within a couple of thousand dollars of doing that.

I regret exceedingly that my misinterpretation may have caused inconvenience in your office.

We are just having copies of the budget run off for next year. Dr. Bowen has sent them in in good time for the Trustees Meeting. He reports that the outlook for the fall term is very bright.

Very cordially yours,

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Oct. 27th, 1919.

P. S. In a letter dated September 29th, just received, from Dr. Bowen, he writes: "And now that we have the library building promised, it is all the more urgent that he (Mr. Clemons) should be set free for this task (the library). I think I wrote you that Bishop Lewis has definitely said that \$50,000 from the Centenary, over and above the Mission askings for the University, are to come to us, and that they decided it is to go into a memorial library for Bishop Bashford."

As this case might seem somewhat parallel to the former case, I should like to know whether this has been sanctioned by your Executive Committee, and might be reported to the Trustees. It will be mighty cheering news to them if it is so decided.

J. E. W.

October 28th, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

In reply to your inquiry as to the payment to me in New York of the \$6,000. made available to the University of Nanking from what you call the Cutler bequest, may I say that I think originally I had no knowledge as to what your remittance of \$6,000. represented, but you sent to me under date of November 22nd, 1917, \$6,000. to partially liquidate the \$10,000. which the Presbyterian Board had advanced for land, and from the quotations from letters passing between you and President Bowen, it seems clear that it was Dr. Bowen's desire that the \$6,000. from the Cutler bequest, which originally had been made available on the field, should be applied toward this \$10,000. advanced by our Board for the purchase of land. Again, on April 30th, 1918, you sent me \$8,000., you having written, stating that you had up to \$10,000. available on principal account of property, and I replied to you that we had obligations at the time amounting to \$8,000., namely, the \$4,000. balance due the Presbyterian Board, \$2500. repaid to the Southern Baptist Board, and \$1500. still due the Foreign Christian Missionary Society on account of the Kuleo property. August 9th, 1918, you sent me \$2500. on the Hospital Property Fund, and December 5th, 1918, \$5500. clearing your Board's obligation of \$8,000. on that account. On January 28th, 1919, you kindly sent me \$9,000. for the residence for medical missionary. I think this represents all of the items received from your Board upon property account since the fall of 1917, with the exception of the \$500. which you sent June 22nd, 1918, representing contribution received by bequest from Miss Ruth Brown.

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Williams which I think will help to clarify the situation.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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Frank M. North

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF METHODIST EPIS. CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York

November 1st 1919

Rev J E Williams, D D  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr Williams:

In response to your inquiry of yesterday, by telephone, I quote as follows from the records of our Board concerning the University of Nanking:

First: In the matter of the proposed enlargement of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, IT WAS VOTED to agree to the plan by which the number of missionaries from each board, to be assigned to the work of the University of Nanking, be increased to five and that the necessary amount to provide for the transit and support of the additional missionary representing this Board be authorized to be advanced from Centenary funds for Central China; this action to become effective on the concurrence of the Committee on Finance.

Second: In the matter of an advance of \$5000. to cover the interest for 1919 on the \$100,000. endowment expected from the Centenary for the University, IT WAS VOTED that the Treasurer be authorized to advance the sum of \$5000. to Nanking University and charge the same to Centenary Gifts for the University of Nanking, the amount to be available as soon as practicable, the Committee on Finance concurring, it being understood that this amount is to be considered on the field not as the interest upon a capital sum already in hand but an advance on Centenary gifts expected for the University of Nanking.

You will note that both actions as above stated require the concurrent action of our Finance Committee, which has its next meeting on November 18th. I am assuming, however, that concurrent action will be taken at that time.

Cordially yours,

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*Rev. Frank Mason North*

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Quotation from Rev. Frank Mason North's letter  
November 1st, 1919.

In the matter of an advance of \$5,000. to cover the interest for 1919 on the \$100,000 endowment expected from the Centenary for the University, it was voted that the Treasurer be authorized to advance the sum of \$5,000. to Nanking University and charge the same to Centenary gifts for the University of Nanking., the amount to be available as soon as practicable, the Committee on Finance concurring, it being understood that this sum is to be considered on the field not as the interest upon a capital sum in hand but an advance on Centenary gifts expected for the University of Nanking.

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Mr. Russell Carter,  
Treasurer Nanking University Trustees,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Pursuant to our understanding by telephone and referring to your recent notes, I hand you the following checks of the Board of Foreign Missions:

- 1st: #5008, for \$5000. This amount is an advance on Centenary income to meet the expectation of interest for 1919, at 5%, upon an endowment fund of \$100,000. which it is hoped will be available as a permanent fund next year. The amount is for the current uses of the University.
- 2nd: #5009 and #4706, respectively \$2575. and \$800., in all \$3375. to cover loss in exchange on the current contribution of \$3750., as per statement in your letter of amount required.
- 3rd: #5007, for \$150. This is the additional amount promised for the Hospital, making a total contribution for the year to the University of \$3750.

I regret that the fixing of the time of the meeting of the Trustees at two o'clock on Wednesday will make it impossible for me to be present because of a very important engagement at the same hour. While I had agreed to try to keep the days of this week open I had not known of the specific date until it was too late to adjust other appointments.

Cordially yours,

*Frank Mason North*

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November 6th, 1919.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,  
150- Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:-

I greatly appreciated your prompt response to my suggestion, that checks be put in my hands before the Trustees meeting yesterday, covering exchange and the additional amount due from your Board for the Hospital. You thoughtfully added the \$5,000., advance on sentinary income, to meet the expectation of interest for 1919 upon the Endowment Fund of \$100,000. It was a pleasure to report these receipts to the Board of Trustees yesterday. You will be glad to know that every Board was paid up in full for the balance of this calendar and fiscal year, so that with the receipt of the drafts which goes forward to the field today, the University will have at its disposal for the current expenses of the year, all funds that the cooperating Boards have promised. I had the pleasure of reporting the receipt of \$40,000. from Mr. Severance, and his sister, Mrs. Prentice, toward the Administration Building, and of \$5,000. from Mr. Day, towards the cost of the Chapel. In addition, our New York Woman's Board has promised, first, the \$25,000. which it was found that the Chapel would cost, and later, an additional \$7,000. to cover the final estimate of the probable requirements to complete the Chapel, a total from the New York Woman's Board of \$32,000., thus releasing the \$5,000., already given, and the total of \$15,000., originally promised by Mr. Day for the Chapel, for other purposes.

Thanking you for your hearty cooperation, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

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